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- $\P1$. (U) This is an action request. See paragraphs 2 and 3.
- 12. (SBU) Action request: Embassy requests the Department assist in conducting a Leahy Amendment Human Rights review, as well as a general name check, of the following Chilean Air Force officer who has been nominated to participate in U.S. funded training, pursuant to the Leahy Act and Foreign Assistance Act. Please transmit the results of such, including information not strictly covered by the Leahy Amendment, to Embassy if possible by no later than February 12, 2009.
- 13. (SBU) The proposed training is the Squadron Officer School Course, to be held at Maxwell Air Force Base, in Alabama, between February 16, 2009 and May 15, 2009. The name and identifying information of the proposed candidate appear in the following format: Name, rank, unit, date of birth, place of birth and national identification number.

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14. (U) Post greatly appreciates the Department's assistance with this request. Embassy's ongoing investigation has not found credible information that the candidate has been involved in gross human rights violations.